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Three Measly Dollars

By CAPTAIN A. C. TOWNSEND

"NO, I will not tell you the story of one of my stamps," said the Old Timer. "Pretty soon you fellows will know all of my stories, and then you'll quit coming up here for a Friday night gabfest, and then I'll know I'm an old fossil and that it's time for me to crawl into a corner and curl up and die."

"You know better than that! As long as you'll let us come up here once a month we'll come. Go on, give us a story."

"No, I won't. I'll switch off onto something else so as to make my stories last longer. Any of you met Markman, the philatelic detective? No? I had him up here one night last week, and we sure trampled the grass some."

"Oh, gee, Old Timer. Why didn't you tell us and let us come up? We certainly would like to meet that chap. Is he really as good as they say he is?"

"Better, durn him! I thought of asking you fellows up for the evening, but I'm glad I didn't. No use having witnesses to an old man's shame."

"Will you listen to that! What did he do, outtalk you?"

"Oh, I don't mind being outtalked, only I want the fellow to say something worth while, like you fellows don't. Charlie, you throw that at me and I'll show you how quick a Texas snake can strike. I don't mean a little green snake. I mean a ripe one, with nine buttons on his tail."

"Great guns, what a joke! A ripe snake can hit faster than a green one! Cut that out and tell us how Mr. Markman shamed you. What was it?"

"Why, I was showing him my Confederate covers and he up and ruins one of the best ones. Know that pair of 2-cent ones with the nice town cancellation? He simply points at that and says it's a nice fake. I says I've had that for forty years; bought it from a fellow named Skinner. He says the name fits just right. Says there was never a maroon cancellation used in the whole south. So we soak the stamps off and darned if he wasn't right. Under the stamps was the mark of a single and part of a nice black cancellation. That's right, hee-haw and show your ears! Everybody has a right to make one mistake in his life."

"Well, let's get off a sore subject. That fellow Markman told me of as pretty a piece of detective work as I ever did hear of. Pull in your ears again and I'll tell you about it as well as I can. Educational, and you fellows might learn to use your eyes and ears a little better than you do. Sure, giggle! I know I bought that Confed. but it was years ago."

You remember (he went on) about a month ago the post office inspectors arrested the fellows who robbed the Omaha office in August and got so many stamps? Well, Markman engineered that and got a fat reward out of it. No, he didn't want mention in the papers, but he sure got the reward. That fellow has an eye like a red-tailed hawk. Dry up, Fred! You know durn well what I mean.

Besides the regular stamps they stole a lot of the ones surcharged "Nebr." which the control office had, to send out to the smaller towns. Never could understand that surcharge business. The idea of getting out those stamps was that if anyone stole 'em and offered 'em for sale with the surcharge, people would be suspicious and maybe report to the officials. And then to upset the scheme they sold the regular ones, without the surcharge, at the biggest offices, Omaha and Lincoln.

Anyway, these stamps never turned up, so far as anyone knew. The plain ones I suppose the thieves were working off in small amounts and making a good living, but a crook never is satisfied, so Markman got these fellows with the goods.

Seems he was ambling down Maiden Lane in New York one day and sees one of these places where you can buy unused stamps in quantity at a little reduction. Never heard of 'em? Oh, yes. Used to be one right across from my office years ago. They buy 'em in quantity at 10% off from houses that get more in than they can use and sell 'em at 5% off.

Years ago they counterfeited the current 2c U. S. and sold a lot of them to that fellow near my office. He put some in his window and a collector came along and spotted them. He bought some to make sure, and took 'em up to the inspectors. They watched the place and when the crook came down to sell some more they trailed him home and gobbled up the whole gang, with the stamps, plates and all. They thanked the collector, but wouldn't even give him a copy for his collection. If he hadn't been smart enough to put away some before he went to them with the stamps he would have been sore. As it is, several New York collectors have copies, only it's like prohibition in Maine. You have to go down cellar to look at them.

Now if you gabblecats will dry up, I'll try to go on with this story. Where was I? Oh, yes.

You know there are quite a lot of varieties in those Kansas and Nebr. overprints; irregular spacing, skipped stamps, missing periods, and so on, but it seems they haven't all turned up yet. Markman was going by and he saw those stamps in the window and stopped to look. Saw a sheet of 3s that looked kind of funny to him, or some of 'em did. Looked like smudge on Lincoln's collar, so he went in and bought a sheet. Took it back to his office, put his glass on the stamps and they turned out to be the Nebr. overprint.

It was so faint you couldn't see but traces of it on most of the stamps, but in a few cases the "N" was just strong enough to give that smear effect he had noticed. So Markman put his feet up on his desk and studied, like a smart man does. You fellows notice how I like to put my feet up, don't you? Will you boys gag Myers, please? I know you didn't, but you were getting ready to say something about Confederate days. I know you.

Well, Markman checks up a bit and then he goes down to the stamp man and tells him he is sending out a lot of samples and wants another sheet of 3s. Fellow hasn't any. Says a 2 and 1 are just as good, so Markham takes 'em but kicks on doing the double licking and asks the fellow to try to get some more 3s. He says he will when the fellow he bought 'em from comes in again; ought to be in in a couple of days.

So Markman goes across the street to a big building and gets a fellow to let him sit in his window and watch. Sits there for three days and don't see anyone go in to sell stamps but some office boys, who are pretty apt to snitch a few and sell 'em that way. Then a fellow shows up with a package and as Markman doesn't like his looks he hustles out and when the fellow comes out of the shop he trails him way over to a sort of a cheap flat building in Brooklyn.

Next morning he drops in for some more 3s, but the fellow said his man was in and didn't have any more, so Markman buys some more 1s and 2s and drifts out. Then he takes his sheet of 3s and goes up to see the chief inspector. He has already found out about the reward, so he tells the inspector he wants it and shows him the sheet of stamps. Inspector don't even tumble to them, so Markman shows him through the glass, and even then he don't get much het up over it.

So Markman tells him the whole thing in A B C like I have to do with you fellows, and pretty soon the inspector decides it's worth looking into. He gives Markman a couple of men, they all dress up rough, and he takes 'em over to Brooklyn and shows 'em the place. They arrange a signal, scatter out, and after a wait till mighty near dark, up the street comes the fellow Markman had seen before and goes into the place and both inspectors get a look at him.

Next thing to know is which one of the six flats in the place he lives in, so they scatter again and after a while luck is with them. The fellow comes out again and hustles over to a grocery across the street, apparently to get something needed for supper. Markman and the inspectors hurry into the flat building, each taking one floor, so as to spot the fellow's flat. I stopped him there and asked if other people wouldn't get suspicious over their hanging around and be apt to give them away.

He said it was one of the easiest things to get away with. Said he could go into any place and walk around for an hour without being suspected. What they did here was go half way down the halls and wait and listen. If anyone came out of a room behind one of them, he was just buttoning up his coat and walking out. If anyone came up the stairs he would meet him, doing the same thing. Easy, he said. Don't sound so to me, but he is the fellow who ought to know. And he said he would bet me fifty dollars on it, me to pick the place.

Markman is on the top floor and pretty soon the inspector below him comes up and beckons, then they go down and pick up the other fellow and beat it. The fellow had come in on the second floor with his groceries and the inspector knew his door. So they got some supper and smoked a while, and then went back and got hold of the janitor. The inspectors got him scared with their badges and telling him they could jail him if he gave them away, and then asked about the flat.

Janitor opened right up. Said there were three fellows living in the flat; been there about five months, which would make it September, soon after the Omaha robbery. He said they didn't have any jobs, as far as he could see, but came and went at any old hour. Hadn't seen them get any mail, but they had quite a lot of company at times. Did some of their own cooking and sometimes ate out. Said one fellow was in bed with a bad cold now, with another getting his meals.

The inspectors were still not convinced that Markman was doing anything but bark up a stump, but they asked the janitor if he had noticed anything about them that was funny. He said no, and then he said yes. Said the other night when this fellow was

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coughing bad one of the others came to him and got him to go to the drugstore for some medicine. Said he was short of money just then and gave him a sheet of two cent stamps to pay for it. Said the druggist could use 'em.

That was enough. Markman stayed there with the janitor to keep him from talking and the inspectors hustled off and came back about midnight with a search warrant. They went up to the room and knocked. Fellow inside wanted to know who it was and to wait a minute. They busted the door in and got him half way out the window. Arrested him and the sick man and they then dug a raft of stamps out of valises and boxes, including a lot of the Nebr. overprints.

They sat there quiet until nearly three o'clock, and then the third man shows up. When he saw the busted lock he made a run for it, but they got him. They hustled 'em all off to jail, and with that evidence they'll all get a good ten years in the jug—just for trying to make three measly dollars!

They hadn't dared sell the Nebrs. but in looking 'em over and wishing they could, they struck that one sheet that was all right, so far as they could see, so they shoved it in with the other stamps they were selling off as fast as they could—and Markman spotted them. Here is a block of four he just sent me. See that little smudge and how clean the others are? Now put the glass on them and you can see just enough to make sure of the overprint.

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F. J. MELVILLE
In Stamp Collector's Fortnightly

These are strange and moving times, and none can foretell just where they are moving to. Each morning's newspaper brings a fresh thrill or, to some, a new shock; the latest hysterical murder gives way to front page stories of great doings on stock-exchanges, and still greater undoings in Parliaments.

Such times are naturally fraught with anxiety for many of our readers and even those who have but little at stake in the big issues of finance and politics are liable to catch the spirit of depression that tends to become epidemic.

Such an epidemic yields nothing to the doctor's skill. But philatelists have the finest antidote and tonic for it in their stamps. It has long been recognized by busy men of affairs that the stamp hobby works like a charm in lifting the loads of depression that the worries of the day heap up. Clouds may gather in the day, and may not be dispelled on reaching home. The stamp album, a book on stamps, a few stamps to study or even play with, and the philatelic enchantment wafts our thoughts along clearer channels and brings welcome respite from the cares and trials of the daily round.

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Events may divert some branches of the stamp trade in new directions, but dealers will not be slow to seize new opportunities as they arise.

So we acclaim the new season in a spirit of healthy optimism, confident that philately will flourish and increase, and confident, too, that it will play a great part in helping its devotees to overcome all the obstacles and difficulties that may bestrew their path this coming winter.

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RAY SHEPARD, . . . 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., . . . COLUMBUS, OHIO

UNITED STATES—First Day Covers of the Washington Bicentennial stamps. According to a clipping from a Washington D. C. paper, of November 5th, if the rules of the Post Office Department are strictly adhered to, the only F.D.Cs. of this issue will be from Washington, D. C. The Post Office there will be open New Year's Day, January 1st, for the purpose of selling these stamps. The Department WILL NOT fill any mail orders for F.D.Cs. Therefore collectors, will have to contact their friends in that city, or purchase from dealers.

AZORES—Another of the Lisbon printed stamps of Portugal overprinted "ACORES":

48c pink

(A. F. Turner)

BULGARIA—The 1 leva of the special Sunday Delivery series has now appeared in a new color:

1 leva—gray green & ochre

(A. F. Turner)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Quantities printed of the Air Mail stamps, chronicled in this column October 31st, follow:

10c (100,000)
15c (50,000)
20c (50,000)
30c (50,000)
50c (50,000)
1p (30,000)

(A. F. Turner)

GAMBIA—The 1d. on toned paper, has been received, in London.

(Philatelic Magazine)

GERMANY—The four Charity stamps for this year, showing historical buildings were issued November 1st. They are recess-printed and the designs and colors follow:

8 plus 4pf. green (Zwinger Museum, Dresden)
15 plus 5pf. red (Rathaus at Breslau)
25 plus 10pf. blue (Castle of Heidelberg)
50 plus 40pf. brown (Holstentor, Lubeck)

(A. F. Turner)

JAPAN—The reported new issues noted in these columns September 19th, has been abandoned, for reasons not given.

(Karl Lewis)

LUXEMBURG—The subject of this year's Charity stamps, will be a portrait of the baby Princess Alix, reproduced by the heliogravure process, in the following denominations: 10 plus 5c; 75 plus 10c; 1fr plus 25c; 1fr 25c plus 75c; and 1fr75c plus 1fr50c.

(A. F. Turner)

MALDIVE ISLANDS—A new set of stamps, to be issued toward the close of this year and comprising the following denominations, is reported as being a certainty: 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, and 1r.

(A. F. Turner)

MOZAMBIQUE—The new values noted Nov. 7th., in this column, have now appeared. The 30c is line engraved; the 45c. and 75c. surface printed and the 85c and 1e40, recess-printed:

30c green & black (Copra)
45c. dull blue (Ivory)
70c. light brown (Gold)
85c. carmine & black (Negro's head)
1E40c. blue & black (Beira Harbor)

(A. F. Turner)

NEJD—New type has appeared, particulars as to design lacking at this time:

1-3/4g. blue

(Philatelic Magazine)

NEWFOUNDLAND—A new pictorial series is now in an advanced state of preparation and will probably appear about the first of the year. There will be twelve values embracing the following designs: Codfish, Princess Elizabeth; Prince of Wales; King George; Seal, Dog, Salmon; Caribou; Queen Mary; Fishing Fleet; Boats Leaving Harbor; and view of Cape Race.

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1928, No. 601	.16
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(A. F. Turner)

SPAIN—Copy is at hand of the 30c. carmine reported in our issue of Nov. 7th., on information from Mr. W. M. Johnson.

(A. F. Turner)

SPAIN—A long set of postage, official, air mail and air mail officials, are at hand. Designs include the fountain of lions; Hall of Pillars in the old Moorish Alhambra at Granada; full face portrait of Dr. F. Garcia y Santos; bridge scene at Toledo; and a court in Madrid. These were all issued to commemorate the 3rd Session of the Pan-American Postal Congress in Madrid.

5c. claret (fountain of lions)
10c. dark green (hall of pillars)
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25c. red (same as 10c)
35c. olive (Dr. Santos)
40c. indigo (same as 5c)
50c. orange red (same as 10c)
1p. black (same as 15c.)
4p. puce (court in Madrid)
10p. brown (same as 4p.)

Officials. Same set as above, overprinted in either blue or red, "OFFICIAL," but colors changed as follows: 5c. brown; 10c. bright green; 1p. gray; 4p. magneta; 10p. light brown. The other values have the same colors as in the postal set.

Air Mails. Three designs, one showing airplane flying toward setting sun, another the airplane over, we presume town of Madrid, and third a view of the Palacio de Comunicaciones.

5c. claret (airplane & setting sun)
10c. dull green (same as 5c.)
25c. red (same as 5c.)
50c. blue (Palacio de Comunicaciones)
1p. violet (same as 50c)
4p. black (airplanes over town)

Air Mail Officials. Same designs as above, overprinted in either red or blue "OFFICIAL," and colors changed as follows: 5c. light brown; 10c. blue green; 25c. lake; 50c. light blue; 1p. light violet; and 4p. gray.

(Broadway Stamp Company)

SPANISH WEST SAHARA—The pictorial series of 1924, Scott's Nos. 1 to 12, both numbers inclusive, has appeared overprinted "REPUBLICA ESPANOLI," vertically in two lines.

(A. F. Turner)

TURKEY—Another value of the locally printed Kemal Pasha series, has appeared:

6k. bright blue

(A. F. Turner)

POSTOFFICE BURNS

A letter from Mr. Philip L. Pierce of Salina, Kansas is as follows:

"Salina, Kans., Nov. 3, '31

Greetings:

Edson, Kansas, postoffice destroyed by fire today. Maybe we can get an odd cancellation. Taking a chance."

And sure enough the odd cancellation is there on the 2c stamp that carried the letter. It is one of the 2c "Kans." varieties and is cancelled entirely on the stamp with a lead pencil and initialed as follows:

C E C

11-5-31

EDSON

Probably the initials C E C are those of the postmaster. This is an interesting cover and shows that the postoffice goes on regardless of a fire, and Mr. Pierce is to be congratulated on "taking the chance."

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Red Cross 1932, 6 var. ..... .30
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do. 50 Kop slate instead of brown, (error) 5.00
Zepps. North Pole, 4 var. perf 3.00
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The report of 1862 states that letters containing matter valued at less than a dollar which could not be returned to sender were destroyed. The number of employees at this time was nine. A charge of three cents for ordinary letters and six cents for those containing valuable matter. It was hoped that the receipts would provide sufficient revenue to pay the clerks employed in this department. At that time the revenue for one year amounted to $46,645, which was about $26,000 more than the cost of the service.

The money order department was established in 1864 to provide a safe method of transporting money in the mail. Another method was introduced one year later to reduce the amount of undeliverable letters. The government began furnishing stamped envelopes and printing return cards in the corner. Notwithstanding this method and the charge for returning undeliverable letters, the receipts of undeliverable letters continued to increase. During an eight year period after 1860 there was 34,702,644 letters received by the dead letter department.

In 1866 the fee charged for returning undeliverable letters was discontinued but in 1920 it was again authorized by an act of Congress. During the past few years these fees have averaged about $90,000 per year.

Owing to the great increase in the volume of mail the undeliverable matter increased to such an extent that branches were established in some of the larger cities in the U. S. and in Honolulu and Porto Rico, also branches to handle dead parcel post mail sent from post offices located in their respective Railway Mail Divisions.

In 1930 there was a decrease over some previous years. Undeliverable letters totaled 22,685,840. Of these 3,853,840 were finally delivered and 18,695,577 were destroyed. 65,962 were held awaiting claim by owners and 70,561 were under treatment. 511,687 parcels were handled, 107,397 were delivered, 104,735 were destroyed on account of being of no value or dangerous to other mail matter, and 299,555 were filed to be disposed of at public auction. The total revenue for the year amounted to $265,176.04 of which $89,191.29 was received from the sale of merchandise, $82,365.60 was removed from letters and found loose in the mails. $8,490.95 was received for postage, and $78,858.15 was collected in the three-cent fee for returned letters.

The method of handling dead letters explained in a brief way is as follows: The letters are opened and those found to contain nothing of value or contain no information as to the sender are destroyed at once. Those containing matter of value other than correspondence are recorded and if deliverable are held one year. If no one presents claim for them they are held to be the property of the government. Letters containing the names and addresses of the senders are returned at once to them in official envelopes which provide a three-cent fee upon delivery.

Undeliverable parcel post packages received at the various branches are at once examined and a record made of the contents and the names and addresses of the senders. A notice is then sent to the sender advising him the postage required for its return. If sender is not known, the parcel is held for six months. At the expiration of this time the parcels are stripped of their wrappers and contents sold at public auction. Sales are held from two to six times a year. The proceeds from such sales are turned in to the Treasury Department and accounted for as part of the postal revenue.

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I note that the impressions which are longer curl crosswise of the stamp while the shorter stamps curl from top to bottom. My conclusion is that the paper on which they are printed contracts more in one direction than in the other in drying.

—T. B. Hyatt, Connellsville, Pa.

Editor's Note—The explanation given by Mr. Hyatt as to the cause of the difference in size of the stamps may or may not be correct. It must be understood that paper has grain just as wood has and it is reasonable to believe that the shrinkage from moistening when printing would vary with the grain of the paper. This difference in size has been noted for some time in the current 20c stamp as well as others of the current series and in our opinion is hardly worthy of distinction as a variety. It naturally shows more readily in the larger sized stamps. Paper will curl more readily with the grain just as a board will bend easier with the grain.

RADIO STAMP TALK NOVEMBER 28th

The Pilgrim Tercentenary series will be the subject of Major Kimble's radio broadcast on next Saturday afternoon, November 28th. This will be the 28th of these fifteen minute talks which he gives every Saturday at 5:16 p. m. over Station WMAQ (670 kilo.). Each talk takes up a different U. S. Commemorative stamp, gives a detailed philatelic description and follows with a historical sketch covering the man or event in American history which the stamp commemmorates. Those persons interested in securing printed copies of these talks, and unable to listen-in, may write direct to him for information. Address Ralph A. Kimble, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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(Philatelic Magazine)

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Precancels

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K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

New York is using two double line types. One for the upright or vertical stamps and one for the horizontal stamps (including and above the 17c value). The plate for the vertical stamps has letters almost if not quite the same size as in type XXXVI, and the arrangement is the same too, being in three lines. The other plate letters are of the smallest size and are only in two lines.

New Castle, Ind., resurrected its old U-79 type long enough to put out some ½c values. Any one know of more?

Summit, N. J., type III should be called U-82 type. What do you think?

Carlisle, Pa., is using a U-73 handstamp. I have it on the current 7c value.

Cincinnati is using the new double line type. I have seen it on some of the new dues and on the 20c value.

I read in the BEE that Uncle Samuel is considering not to precancel any value above the 10c. The reason is the re-use of the higher values. This item ought to give you a little food for thought if nothing else.

St. Louis is still using some of the old 1917 5c city type coils. I got a package the other day with one on it and a pair of 4c B-11 coils besides.

Lorillard Tobacco Co., of Middletown, Ohio, has been sending out a big juicy 15c package of Beechnut Chewing Tobacco as samples and on each package is a 1½c and 3c Middletown precancel. The 1½c is the old side view Harding, but I would not be surprised that this drain on the 1½c would exhaust them and they will use some of the new front view Hardings before their campaign is over.

This front view Harding like the Taft will only be in use the rest of the year and no doubt will produce some scarce varieties.

Did you ever notice any difference in the color of ink used to precancel your Jersey City, N. J. I have a current 7c value that looks like a grayish blue ink was used to precancel it. Look yours over and see if you have any and let me see them so I can report and verify this. I will not make a report of any stamp till I see it myself. This has to be done to avoid error.

YORKTOWN STAMPS EXHAUSTED

Third Assistant Postmaster General
Washington, November 7, 1931

Postmasters are advised that the department's stock of Yorktown commemorative stamps available for issuance on post-office orders is now completely exhausted. Therefore, postmasters are requested to refrain from submitting further requests to the department for an additional supply of Yorktown stamps.

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In the days of old collectors were
collectors just for fun
Those were times of real enjoyment
when the day's hard work was
done
But, to-day the festive Dollar seems
to drive the Hobby out
And the Bogey man will get you if
you don't watch out.

We swapped with one another and we
never thought of class.
CONDITION was not dreamed of
and most anything would pass
When we found a Cape Triangle we
would give a joyous shout
But the Bogey man will get you
if you don't watch out.

None thought of perforations and
most anything would do.
We stuck them in old ledgers and
we stuck them there with
glue—
If you bid on a collection you will
find the best picked out,
Thus, the BOGEY man will get
you, if you don't watch out.

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PRINCE BIRMARCK A STAMP COLLECTOR

Whether the fact that Prince Bismarck, First Chancellor of the German Empire, was a stamp collector, is generally known, it is evident that such must have been the case for evidence to show this has been sent Linn's Weekly by Mr. C. Kmentt of Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Kmentt writing under date of November 8 has this to say: "Reading 'Prince Bismarck's Letters to His Wife', I ran into one dated Biarritz, Oct. 11, 1864, when he was Prussian Ambassador at the Court of Napoleon III. * * * Just keep on getting grapes for yourself, and plenty of them. I think they will do you better than the mixed poisons from the drugstore. I enclose stamps off today's mail for the Kiddies * * * Which is evidence to enter that household among the lists of prominent stamp collectors of the olden days".

SCOTCHMAN WINS PRIZE

A newspaper clipping from Major Harry Morell of Shellsburg, Iowa, tells of a prize of a silver-gilt medal being awarded J. Durham of Leith, Scotland for his exhibition of fourteen volumes of U. S. Stamps at the recent International Exhibition at Hamburg, Germany. Mr. Durham is president of the Edinburgh Philatelic Society. His Russian collection received a bronze medal.

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"AIN'T IT THE TRUTH" A collector very proudly sends a letter telling of what to him is a wonderful cover, he even has gone so far as to get autographs of several of the great and near great of this glorious land, signed upon the cover and as a supreme effort has sent the cover to another noted personage, hoping to climax his efforts by acquiring this other signature.

A postscript on the letter says "If you use this as a space filler caution your readers against trying to get those autographs. It would ruin the hobby." Yes, "Ain't it the truth."

Here we have a collector who wants it all for himself, he wants everyone else to lay off and let him get his. If others try the tricks he is playing it might spoil the whole thing and then he could not get his.

The more we see and hear of this sort of stuff the more disgusted with this sort of collecting we become. What is stamp collecting degenerating to, anyhow. Frequently we have moments when we threaten to dump the whole mess into the waste basket and devote this publication solely to stamp collecting.

WE GOT THEM MIXED In our issue of the 24th of October we referred to the fact that Mr. Leslie Davenport, of the Metropolitan Stamp Company of New York had left with his new bride on a trip to Bermuda. Now we hear from Leslie himself who happens to be the Mr. Davenport with the Marks Stamp Company of Toronto and it is his brother Percy Davenport who is with the Metropolitan in New York. Thus we made a bigamist out of L. A. Davenport and his Toronto friends threaten to tell on him unless we correct our error.

STAMPS IN THE SCHOOLS At the November 6 meeting of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Miss Reinhard, a teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School, told the members of her work with postage stamps in the Boys Stamp Club of her school. She talked to stamp collectors, some of whom have been stamp collectors for thirty or forty years, yet she told us much and taught us many interesting things about stamp collecting that have never before come to the minds of ordinary stamp collectors.

Her views were from the educational possibilities of stamps and it is certain that she has been able to do some wonderful work by the help of stamps, with her school classes.

If a body of teachers or educational directors could have heard this talk and could have understood the things that she spoke of as stamp collectors could understand and grasp the points that were brought out, I feel almost certain that stamps would be given much consideration in the school room.

This teacher has been working with stamps in her class work for two or three years. She is of the opinion that the use of stamps in her class work has been of immense value and that the field for work along this line is practically unlimited.

At an early date, we will publish some papers that are a result of the work that has been done in these school classes.

GOING TO NEW YORK Within a short time after writing this copy, your editor will be on his way to New York where he hopes to take in the big city or be taken in. The trip will be but a short one, yet doubtless a very pleasant one for it has been some time since we have been there and it is hoped that this trip may be the first of what will become annual trips to meet our friends and talk over matters that we hope will help us improve this paper for the collector and dealer.

Correspondents who look for a prompt reply to recent letters will have to allow us time to catch up after our return home and next week we hope to have some news items picked up along Broadway or Nassau Street.

Our stay will be too brief for us to attempt to meet all our friends and to those we do not see, we assure you that we thought of you while there.

H. V. OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, takes exception to the fact that the article on The Poetry of Stamp Collecting mentioned only tired professional men as getting much needed rest and relaxation after a hard day at the office, by playing with

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A SAN FRANCISCO COLLECTOR replies to our query as to how to wash gum from early Austrian stamps and says that he does it with water and then scrapes the gum off with the tips of his tweezers. What we inquired about was a way to wash it off, not scrape it off.

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By Dr. Mitchel, C. C. Fisher, and Si Weatherby.

W. Keyes of Hartford, Conn., shows a most interesting shift on ordinary B11 10c of Boston, Mass. The regular overprint shows the final "S" of Mass. directly under the final "O" of Boston. On the shift we note the final "S" is well to the left of the "O". Information as to where this occurs in the sheet is not yet available.

The Bureau Specialist for October carries some interesting notes by Mr. H. M. Southgate the President of the Bureau Issues Ass'n. New orders include the Columbus, O. 1c coil, the 4c Taft coil for Baltimore, the new 1½c ordinary for Harrisburg, the 4c Taft ordinary for Pittsburgh, and for Ft. Wayne, Ind., the 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 10c ordinaries.

Our little advertising message for Bird Haven brings on it a copy of the 1c Coil with the center bar broken out of the "H" of Haven.

Lawrence Bros. Advise their next sale will be late in Nov. or early Dec. With their letter they turn in two new plate breaks noted on the Alliance 1½c B11 coil. On the 4th stamp to the right of the gap we have a top line break that cuts down into the "A" of Alliance and continues over "ALL" of the city name. Another break is a small top line cut about ¼ in. to the right of Alliance.

We recently had the privilege of going thru about 10 to 12 thousand buros. No, we were not seeking experimentals, Libertys, or Batavias, (the owner knows his stuff) but we sought plate breaks from a virgin lot. We found about 100 and that figures less than 1% so you see they are not too plentiful to become monotonous. Try looking for them some time. Its great sport.

BIG PRECANCEL MEEETING

The Indiana Stamp Club held a big afternoon and evening Precancel meeting on November 20th. Full details arrived just as our paper of November 14 was being printed. We wish news could reach us in time to be of value to our readers. It must come ten days before date of the paper in which you want it printed.

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Effective December 4th, once a week, the FAM No. 6 route between Miami and San Juan will be changed from Miami by Nuevitas (Cuba), Port au Prince and San Pedro de Macoris (Dominican Republic) to San Juan. Official cachets at Miami, San Juan and St. Thomas according to the following schedule of dates, city of dispatch and city of destination, route number and postage rate.

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Dec. 5th., St. Thomas to San Pedro de Macoris, FAM No. 6.
Dec. 6th., San Juan to Nuevitas, FAM No. 6.
Dec. 6th., San Juan to San Perdo de Macoris, FAM No. 6.

Probable postage rate from San Juan and St. Thomas is 10c per ½ ounce. Covers dispatched as above will bear official cachets and send your covers to the Postmasters of these offices for dispatch.

Cleveland-Toledo Detroit Line

The Trans American Airlines on November 9th inaugurated a new 80 minute air passenger and mail line from the Fifth City to the Ford City via Toledo. Cachets were sponsored unofficially at each of the cities for the airmail on this first flight.

Amelia Earhart

This aviatrix is again piloting the Beechnut Autogiro on a tour of the South and on Nov. 5, 6, 7 visited Raleigh, N. C. A mimeograph cachet picturing one of these windmill planes was applied to covers. Anyone interested in following Amelia will note that on Nov. 21, 22, she will visit Augusta, Ga. On Nov. 23-24, Macon, Ga. On Nov. 25, Columbus, Ga., and on Nov. 26, 27 and 28th, Atlanta, Ga. No information as to cachets.

Pangborn and Herndon

These conquerors of the air from Japan to USA via the Pacific Ocean apparently only carried two letters with them on this historic flight.

Lawrence McKinley Gould

The man second in command on the Byrd Expedition to the South Pole visits Cleveland on Nov. 7th. An airmail cover has been received bearing a typewritten inscription commemorating his visit. The cover is also signed by Gould.

Sunnyvale Event

The San Francisco C. of C. are sponsoring a cachet for the ground breaking ceremony at Sunnyvale in connection with the building of the new dirigible base. Covers must be sent to John D. Long, 3326 Fulton St., San Francisco.

All American Air Races

This Fourth Annual Air Race to be staged Jan. 7, 8, and 9th, promises to be a big event. The cachet provided by the C. of C. is unusually attractive and is to be applied in two colors, different each day. It is apparently going to be the occasion of the dedication of the dirigible base, also. Covers should be sent to R. W. Speakman, 1873 NW Flagler Terrace, Miami, Fla.

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Norm has been named cachet director for the National Exchange Headquarters at Toledo, Ohio, and will hold covers sent to him for any future events, if desired. Send covers unsealed and unstuffed. His address is 1441 Goodale Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

Canada-U. S.-Mexico

Jimmie Doolittle visited these three countries capitals in one day in a space of about 12 hours. He carried some covers unofficially apparently for any collectors that could get them to him. They are mailed from Mexico and bear no special markings except his autograph. Jimmie, as we all know, never carried any official mail.

Airplane Crash

On Nov. 5th., at Camden, a Ludington Line Plane, enroute from Newark to Washington crashed, killing the pilot Floyd Cox, and three passengers. Newspaper reports say that mail was thrown overboard before the crash and recovered.

LaCrosse, Wis.

Service for this city on Route A. M. No. 9 was discontinued on November 7th.

Battleship Covers Received

Visit of U. S. Frigate Constitution to Annapolis, Md., on November 6th and to Washington, on Nov. 9th. Navy Day Cover from USS Ramsay and one posted Oct. 12 from the U. S. Marine Corps P. O. at Shanghai, China.

Cuba Cachets

In connection with the news stops on FAM No. 5 and 6 it is reported that official cachets will be sponsored by the Cuban P. O. for mail sent from Havana to Merida and Puerto Barrios and Camaguey cachets for Nuevitas and San Pedro de Macoris.

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By Capt. A. C. Townsend

From Linn's Weekly Stamp News, you say? Ah, yes. And I presume you wish to interview me regarding my portrait on the stamps of my country?

Exactly, Mr. Jefferson. Next to Genl. Washington you are accounted the greatest man of our early days. You were Governor of Virginia; you wrote the Declaration of Independence; you were Minister to France; you were Secy. of State under Washington; you were twice our President, and your portrait has appeared on so many of our stamps that we are curious to know which you prefer.

You are very courteous in enumerating my small services to our country, sir. I presume that in all modesty I should say that I prefer the 24c of 1869, commemoratig the event that made us a nation, but I will not. The first 5c stamps bearing my picture are most beautiful in my opinion, and the 30c of 1890 is also a very handsome stamp and picture of me, but of them all I prefer the 2c stamp of the Louisiana Purchase series. It is a most artistic stamp, I hold, and my portrait is excellent.

We are glad to hear that, Mr. President. It is certainly a beautiful stamp, and the best of it is that it is within the reach of all collectors, which is unfortunately not so with most of your pictures. Some of those early stamps are beyond the means of most of us. I have no copy of the 5c 1857, much less the 5c 1851!

My dear lad, I am sorry. Oh, If we who have passed over the river could only tell what is open to our eyes! Right in your own city of Columbus I have known for years of two lots of old letters running from 1840 to about 1860, each of which contains some 1847s and 1857s, and one of them has some beautiful copies of the imperforate 5c stamps with my picture, including one unsevered pair. It is my earnest hope that you or some other collector may be fortunate enough to discover them before anything happens to them.

CAN'T you tell me where they are, Mr. Jefferson? I do want one of those stamps so badly!

I know you do, lad. I should be very happy to tell you, but it is forbidden. I may have said too much already. We are not allowed to mix in earthly affairs. All we can do is look on, sorrowing or rejoicing, as the case may be. If I can some day rejoice with you over the finding of those old letters I shall be very happy indeed. Good day to you.

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TORONTO COLLECTOR ACTIVE

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Toronto branch of Canadian Philatelic Society was held in the Club Rooms of Royal York Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 3rd. The meeting was marked by great enthusiasm on the part of those present. During the proceedings, we completed our charter list of members of thirty local stamp collectors. After the business end of the meeting was dispensed with, we were favored with a display of Air Mail Stamps by Mr. Nason, whose description thereof was enlivened by certain incidents which occurred in his life, as a stamp collector. Following which we had a remarkable display of Canadian Postal Stationery, the property of Mr. T. L. D. Kinton, which undoubtedly is the finest of its kind in Canada, containing many rare items which are practically non-existent at the present time.

Our Mr. Frank Aretz was in his usual happy mood and spoke on the importance of small things, as applied to stamp collecting and our hobby in general.

The Club added an additional eight members from among the visitors and the future indeed looks bright for our local club during the present season.

ATLANTIC CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The Atlantic City Philatelic Society held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, November 4, 1931.

The special feature of the evening was the address made to the members by Mr. W. H. Emmert of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Emmert exhibited his collection of United States Stamps including his famous collection of envelope postage stamps of the United States. This special collection is nearly complete and ranks as one of the best in the United States. Mr. Emmert is considered an authority on these issues of the United States. The members of the Society extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Emmert for his kindness in coming to address them.

Mr. Kilcher, of the Atlantic City Philatelic Society had previously represented it at a meeting of the Philadelphia Stamp Club where he exhibited a part of his collection and so Mr. Emmert's visit was an exchange of speakers.

The society is planning many more exchanges of speakers with other stamp clubs during the winter season.

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This club extends a cordial invitation to all collectors in the vicinity as well as visitors from the north. The meetings will be held on the first and third Friday of each month.

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